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1. SUMMARY: NO OFFICIAL OR FUNDED RESEARCH IN CANADA ON KIRLIAN PHOTOGRAPHY, ACCORDING TO NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL. ONLY EFFORT IS PRIVATE RESEARCH BY DR. ROBERT WHITEHEAD, DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, NRC, OTTAWA, "ON HIS OWN TIME." END SUMMARY.

2. AFTER MANY CONTACTS, INCLUDING INDIVIDUALS IN THE MEDICAL RESEARCH COUNCIL OF CANADA, OFFICE OF MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (MOSST), AND VARIOUS DIVISIONS OF THE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL (NRC) EMBOFF FINALLY LOCATED SOMEONE WHO NOT ONLY HAS HEARD OF "KIRLIAN PHOTOGRAPHY" BUT ALSO APPEARS TO BE ONLY CANADIAN WORKING IN THIS FIELD.

3. DR. ROBERT WHITEHEAD (DIVISION OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES, NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL, MONTREAL ROAD, OTTAWA, ONTARIO, CANADA K1A 0R6) SAID THAT THERE IS NO OFFICIAL OR FUNDED RESEARCH IN KIRLIAN PHOTOGRAPHY IN CANADA. HOWEVER, HE IS QUITE INTERESTED IN, AND KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT THE FIELD
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AND CONDUCTS A RESEARCH PROGRAM "ON HIS OWN TIME."

4. DR. WHITEHEAD SAID THAT THE ORIGINAL AUTHORITY ON THIS SUBJECT IS SEMYON KIRLIAN, A RUSSIAN PHYSICIST, WHO HAS WORKED FOR FORTY YEARS IN THIS FIELD. ACCORDING TO WHITEHEAD, KIRLIAN PHOTOGRAPHY IS NOW AT THE SAME STATE OF KNOWLEDGE AS X-RAY PHOTOGRAPHS WAS FIFTY YEARS AGO, BUT

HE BELIEVES THE TECHNIQUE OFFERS "GREAT PROMISE FOR APPLICATION TO MEDICINE."

5. THE PRINCIPAL PUBLICATION IN THE FIELD IS THE "JOURNAL OF THE BIOLOGICAL PHOTOGRAPHIC ASSOCIATION" (JBPA). (THE ASSOCIATION WAS FOUNDED AT YALE UNIVERSITY IN 1931). THE EDITOR IS THOMAS P. HURTGEN, 1740 SALT ROAD, FAIRPORT, NEW YORK 14450. THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION IS H. PAUL NEWMAN, CHIEF OF THE MEDICAL MEDIA DIVISION, LEARNING RESOURCE SERVICE, VETERANS ADMINISTRATION, WASHINGTON, D.C

6. THE MOST RECENT ARTICLES ON KIRLIAN PHOTOGRAPHY ARE IN THE JBPA, VOLUME 45, NO. 3, JULY 1977; AND VOLUME 45, NO. 3, APRIL 1977.

7. DR. WHITEHEAD NAMED DR. THELMA MOSS, AT UCLA, AS A U.S. EXPERT IN KIRLIAN PHOTOGRAPHY.

8. COMMENT: IT WAS APPARENT FROM THE CONVERSATION WITH DR. WHITEHEAD THAT THERE IS SOME SKEPTICISM WITHIN THE SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITY ABOUT KIRLIAN PHOTOGRAPHY. IN FACT, HE COMMENTED THAT SOME PEOPLE PUT THE PHENOMENON IN THE SAME CLASS WITH UFO'S. THIS PROBABLY EXPLAINS ITS LACK OF RECOGNITION AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT IN CANADA.

THE "AURA" SURROUNDING A HUMAN BODY, ACCORDING TO
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WHITEHEAD, CAN BE PHOTOGRAPHED AND THIS IS KNOWN AS KIRLIA PHOTOGRAPHY. HOWEVER, WHETHER THE SOURCE OF THE EMANATION WHICH PRODUCES THE AURA IS BIOLOGICAL OR ELECTROMAGNETIC, APPARENTLY IS NOT KNOWN. HE BELIEVES THAT WITH A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE NATURE OF THE PHENOMENON, SUCH PHOTOGRAPHS WILL PROVE VALUABLE IN MEDICAL DIAGNOSTICS.
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